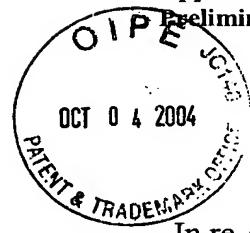


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Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned patent application, please amend the application as follows:

- Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
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